with sales of 6,000 bags. Spot Rio, quiet. Sugar-Raw, steady; refined, ateady. Butter-Firm; extra creamery, 22c.; State dairy, 17@21c. Cheese-Steady; State and Pennsylvania, 164@17c.; Southern, 16@164c. Potatoes-Steady; new Southern, 32.024.66; old prime, 11.502.12; Jersey sweets, baskets \$1.12@1.25. Peanuts-Easy; fancy handpicked, 44@44/c.; other domestic, 24@44c. Cotton-By Steamer to Liverpool, 12c.

The leading futures ranged as follows Open. High, Low, Close

# LIQUIDATION IN STOCKS

Selling Caused by Despair o Any Rise in Price.

### OPENING WAS IRREGULAR

Slight Decline Was Followed by a Considerable Rally, but Later by Crumb-Ilng Prices All Through

the List.

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NEW YORK, May 1s.—There was much liquidation in the stock market to-day. The selling seemed to be caused by a crystalization of sentiment which has been dormant for some time, but action was deferred in the hope of a recovery. There was no development to cause the decline, except the engagement of \$2.330, 600 of gold for export to Europe. This had been quite definitely expected, and the amount was rather less than some of the forecasts. There was a slight firming in the call loan, but it could not be said that any liquidation was forced by a withdrawal of credits.

The result of the consideration over Sunday of the general financial solution seemed to be rather favorable to the placing of stop-loss orders as a precautionary measure below the market than definite orders to sell. The market's opening was, in fact, irregular, and a slight decline was followed by a considerable raily. This rally persisted after the first knowledge of the engagement of gold for export, but the report that \$200,000 had been deposited at the sub-Treasury for telegraphic transfer to New Orleans was followed almost immediately by a crumbling of prices throughout the whole list. This evidence that the cotton speculation is making demands up on the money market was taken in fill-part by the stock market. It is probable that the decline in prices was due to professional attacks by the bears, but the existence of stop-loss orders rendered the market vulnerable. Stocks which have now got lower than in last month's decline on account of the Northern Securities decision are conspicuous sufferers. This is seen in the case of St. Paul, New York Central and Southern Pacifis especially. Quite a number of addition stocks broke through the previous swiferers. This is seen in the case of St. Paul, New York Central and Southern Pacifis especially. Quite a number of addition stocks broke through the previous swiferers. This is seen in the case of St. Paul, New York Central and Southern Pacifis especially of the force on beartish sentiment.

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United States new refunding bonds were dealt in the first time on the Stock Exchange and rose more than a point; other wise bonds were weak. Total sales, par value, \$2,020,000. United States new 4's declined ¼ per cent. on last call.

The total sales of stocks for the day were 650,900 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE:
Money on call steady at 24473 per cent.;
closing, 24473 per cent.; time money,
steady; sixty days, 34;64 per cent.; hinety
days, 33;64 per cent.; six months, 44; per
cent.; prime mercantile paper, 44;664; per
cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual
business in bankers bills at 34.88.65 for
demand and at 34.85 for sixty day bills;
posted rates, 34.554; and 34.854; commercial
bills, \$4.843;64.874. Bar silver, 545; Mexican dollars, 43. Government bonds easler; railroad bonds weak.

## EDITORS' VIEWS

What New York Afternoon Papers Say of the Market.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.)

The Evening Post says: Probably the resumption of gold expors to-day was the occurrence which most affected sentiment on the financial markets and had most to do with the further decline in prices. Gold engagements invariably seem to do this, and all the argument in the world, applied to demonstrate that the shipments make no difference, is any to be wasted on the hearers. This is a very old and very deeply-rooted financial prejudice, and it is not confined to the United States To-day's \$2,30,000 engagement raised the total of the movement to this date to \$3,500,000. It need only be remarked that the shipment is not unusual at this time. Last May we sent no gold to Europe, but \$3,57,000 went in May of 1901 and \$10,002,009 in 1902. Exchange held firm in the face of to-day's engagements.

The Mail and Express says: An abrupt decline in stocks to-day equal to 163½ points as a whole and 1½62½ points in a number of active railways, brought in its train greater depression than at any previous time since the current downward movement set in. New low records were made in New York Central, St. Paul, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Pennsylvania.

Union Facine, Southern Pacific and Pennsylvania.

As prices melted away numerous stopless orders were encountered, the execution of which accelerated the shrinkage in values Liquidation was quite extensive and very general in character, which was particularly true in regard to the dividend-paying railways. Tired holders,

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OFFICIAL RANGE AND SALE OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK 

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500		676	676	674	634	41635	Missouri Pacific	11014	31014	10514	10856
2000	American Can pfd	451/8	4518	4414	441/6	3600	Mo., Kan, and Texas com	25	2514	2314	24
100	American Grass Twine	12	12	12 87	12	1000	Mo., Kan, and Texas pid	5614	5616	5514	551/2
150	American Cotton Oil com	37 25	37 25	2416	2414	12175	New York Central	12714	12754	125	12516
300	American Locomotive com	9254	9204	9214	9214	740)	N. Y., Ont, and Western	0974	7015	6876	6834
1500	Anaconda	101	101	100	10014	68725	Pennsylvania	12876	120	1271/4	12796
1200	American Car and Foundry	38	3914	38	\$516	1170	Pressed Steel Car	6876	5916 9116	90%	90
2540	American Sugar	12436	1241/4	12214	122%	435 2275	Pressed Steel Car pfd People's Gas Trust	9114	10116	100%	101
25580	A., T and Sante Fe com	78	7814	7674	7714		Reading com	10114	52%	501/a	0.094
656	A., T. and Sante Fe pfd	900%	969a	953	96 6374	4100	Reading 1st pfd	0.00	02.78	7,0250	53
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29243	Baltimore and Ohlo	6374	6414	63	6346	800	Republic Iron and Steel com	1744	17%	171/4	17
16195	Brooklyn Rapid Transit Canadian Pacific	13014	13054	12914	1295	600	Republic Iron and Steel pfd	76	7676	76	7514
2000	Chesapeake and Ohlo	4214	4214	40%	4134	1260	Sioss	67	57	5334 7414	75
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62250	Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	10736	15814	3914	40%	16940	Southern Pacific	53	53	5196	51%
43725	Chi., Rock Island and Pac	675	GS GS	6616	67	8240	Southern Rallway com	29	- 29	281/9	2814
4209	Colorado Fuel and Iron Cnicago Great Western	2134	21%	20%	2034	730	Southern Rallway pfd	9214	9214	92 5814	9114 5814
1930	C., C., C. and St. Louis	90	90	00	88	5715	Tennessee Coal and Iron	60	3314	32	32
1100	Consolidated Gas	203	204	203	2031/4	6400	Texas Pacific	8814	8814	86%	87
3000	Delaware and Hudson	173	173	17156	172	13310	Union Pacific pfd	2000	90%	9012	90
400	Del., Lack, and Western	251	251	250	250	200 17102	United States Steel com	8374	3374	331/4	33%
16500	Firle com	8374	8376	3316 6554	6614	10270	United States Steel pfd	8374	84	82%	8276
10125	Frie 1st pfd	6676	67 55	5334	0078	1646	VaCarolina Chem. com	63	(3	62	621/4
2200	Erie 2d pfd	18714	18714	18546	185	100	VaCarolina Chem. pfd	122	122	122	122
1320	General Electric	137	137	136	136	1500	Wabash com	261/2	271/4	261/4 463/a	40%
6325	Leather	1314	1314	1234	1254	62.00	Wabash pfd	4756	8436	8414	8414
4165	Louisville and Nashville	11594	1154	114	11414	255	Western Union	8416	2276	2296	2214
6803	Menhattan	139%	139%	13814	139	2010	Wisconsin Central	4554	455g	46	45
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CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

Chicago and Northwestern con. 7's. 1514 | St. Chicago, Rock Island and Pac. 4's. 1655 | St. C., C. C. and St. Louis 4's. 2514 | St. Chicago Terminal 4's. 2514 | San Colorado and Southern 4's. 251 | Southern and Rio Grande 4's.

whose margins had been weakened by the previous decline, were free sellers, and a large volume of stocks were thrown over in consequence of the fresh squeeze in

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET. Richmond, Va., May 18, 1903. SALES.

Virginia Centuries—ti00 at 3246. Richmond Trust & Safe Deposit Co.—12 hares at 162. Virginia Carolina Chemical preferred—2 hares at 12446; 10 shares at 12446; 1 share t 1249.

STATE SECURITIES. Bid. Asked. Atlantic Const Line "A" ... 100 125
Atlantic Const Line pfd ... 100 126
Atlantic Const Line pfd ... 100 126
Norfolk and West, com ... 100 128
Seaboard Air Line pfd ... 100 42
Seaboard Air Line pfd ... 100 42
Seaboard Air Line com ... 100 25
Southern Railway pfd ... 100 92
Southern Railway com ... 100 28 BANK AND TRUST COS.

GOULD STOCKS:
The professional element thought that there was a fairly extensive bull account in the Gould stocks and were seriously testing the strength of it, especially in Missouri Pacific and the Wabash issues.

THE FIRST HOUR:

The announced gold exports seemed to have been to some extent discounted in the early decline, and the market showed a firmer tone in the first hour. The Western houses appeared to be buyers of stocks, and one or two of the leading Philadelphia interests seemed to have turned round in Pennsylvania, London was also an early buyer of a number of the international stocks.

BROOKLYN & METROPOLITAN:

TENNESSEE COAL & IRON:
There seemed to be a good buying order
in the market for Tennessee Coal and
Iron, which was said to be for people
likely to be well informed on the carnings:

WESTERN STOCKS:
Harris, Gates & Co. did a good deal to rally Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Rock Island. The Western stocks, as a rule, seemed semewhat sold out, and the more active speculative interests were operating for a rally.

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PRINCIPAL MARKETS.

Missouri Pacific gave way a little on the March earnings, which, however, were not unexpected. There seemed to be a poor one.

Investment Securities.

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Cornemaci-Dull. Rye-Quiet. Barley-Could.

Wheat-Spot steady: No. 2, 8356. Options were quiet and irregular all day; the trade went short on beartsh weekly statistics, but later covered on complaints from the West. The close was a testedy, May being Ma. up and the others unlangued. May closed at 8548; July, 6186; July, 6186;

AFTERNOON TRADING:
The market after railying feebly broke again in the early afternoon and became very weak. The pressure from traders seemed at last to have uncovered long stock in some quantly and there was quite a little selling on stop orders, especially in the higher-priced issues.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL:
There was a revival of the report that Illinois Central would go on a ? per centbasis in July. This appeared to come from rather well-informed quarters.

CHICAGO, ILLs., May 18.—There werno features in trading of the board to day. July wheat closed \$4c.; July cort off \$4c., with oats unchanged. Provision were easier, the September products close from 5c. lower to a shade higher. NEW YORK CENTRAL:

Among the adverse influences to the market there is no doubt that the weakness in Now York Central has been very considerable. Even a year ago a new stock issue, with rights, would have been regarded as a bull argument, and the action of the stock on such an expectation now has been regarded as very significant of the public attitude toward the market.

November . 5.83 8.98 8.51 8.90 January . 8.86 8.06 8.46 8.91 Spot cotton closed 4 points higher; middling uplands, 11.85; middling gulf, 12.10; sales, 13,300 bales.

Cotton quiet; middling, 11.85; net receipts, 150 bales; gross, 7.516 bales; sales, 13.250 bales; stock, 135.566 bales.
Total to-day at all seaports—Net receipts, 9.967 bales; export to Great Britain, 3.649 bales; to the Continent, 100 bales; stock, 234.624 bales.
Consolidated at all seaports—Net receipts, 16.384 bales; export to Great Britain, 3.475 bales; to the Continent, 7.335 bales.

Britain, 3,45 baies; to the Comment, 1,55 bales,
Total since September 1st at all seaports—Net receipts, 7,605,605 baies; export
to Great Britain, 2,991,732 baies; to France,
748,591 bales; to the Continent, 2,694,596
bales; to Japan, 134115 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS. NEW YORK, May 18.—FLOUR—Firm nd a shade higher. Rye Flotr—Steady 'ornmeal—Dull. Rye—Quiet. Barley—

The leading futures range
Open. High.
WHEAT—No. 2.
May 79% 70%
July 73½ 73%
Sept. 71 71
CORN—No. 2.
July 44% 44%
Sept. 44% 45%
July 32% 33%
Sept. 98% 37
July 33% 33%
Sept. 80% 37
July 33% 33%
Sept. 80% 37
July 82% 38%
Sept. 80% 37
July 82% 38%
Sept. 80%
MESS FORK—per blo 80%
May 8.89% 18.85
July 77.10 17.15
Sept. 10.574/2 10.00
LARD—Per 100 108. COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The cotton market opened strong at an advance of 6403 points under surprising Liverpool cables, and during the entire session ruled very active and generally strong, prices at one time showing net gains for the day than during any previous session of the season. The New Orleans bull leader arrived on the floor this morning and while at first he would make no statement as to his plans or opinions, it became very evident that his arrival was to be taken as the signal for aggressive buying on the part of the bull contingent. Still, after the market had advance 2421 points over the closing flaures of Saturday there was sufficient realizing, based on the heavy port receipts, continued favorable weather and more reports of curtailed consumption to ease the market off 11473 points on the old crop positions.

At this time the market had rather a tired look, as though the undercurrent was yet nervous and excited, but these prices proved the lowest of the session, as the market was raised by aggressive buying for both accounts, and there was not a hait in the rapid upturn until Mayhad reached 11.63, July at 11.7 and August 10.85. The market was flased the unward course and prices eased off a little Mayclosing at 11.55, July at 11.17 and August 10.85. The market was flasely fluores estimated at 700,000 bales.

The advance was chiefly due to the sensitional gains at Liverpool. That market had been expected to show a small decrease, instead at the opening hour here Liverpool showed gains of 8411 points, and them arket at the close there was 1101815 points higher. COTTON MARKETS. 18.82½ 18.85 17.10 17.15 16.5½ 16.57½ MESS FORK—per 10

May 18.924

July 17.10

Sept 16.574

LARD—Per 100 lbs.

May

July 8.90

Sept 8.90 May 8.90 8.071/4 Sept 8.921/4 9.00 SHORT RIBS—1 or 100 lbs. May 9.25 9.271/4 July 9.321/4 9.421/5 Sept 9.15 9.20 

head.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 18.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged. Winter patent, \$3.6564; spring patent, \$4.0564.39. Wheat-cyllet; spot and the month. 894,2694.5. Southern by sample, 724,681c. Corne-Casy; spot and the month. 694,66945c; Southern white corn, 476,694c. Oats—Active; No. 2 white, 404,6. Rye—Dull; No. 2, 50c. Butter—Firm; fancy imitation, 186, 20c.; fancy creamery, 22,625c; fancy ladie, 116918c. Eggs—Firm; fresh, 15c. Cheese—Firm; large, 124,613c; small, 124,613c. Sugar—Steady and unchanged; coarse granulated, \$5.6545; thue, \$3.0545.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

QUOTATIONS		
WHEAT— Longberry Mixed Shortberry		083 083 083
No. 2 red	75	<b>@82</b>
CORN White (Va.) bag lots	55 53 54 54	<b>@</b> 57
No. 2 mixed	8614 3544 55	

## CATTLE MARKET.

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CHICAGO, May 18,—CATTLEB—Dull, 102
15c. lower. Good to prime steers, \$4,902
5.40; poor to medium, \$4,5024.80; stockers
and feeders, \$3247.475; calves, \$2,504.25.
Hogs—Market opened 52710c, lower, closed
strong. Mixed butch\$rs, \$4,3036.45; good
to choice heavy, \$4,0026.80. Sheep—Steady;
choice lambs steady; others lower. Good
to choice wethers, \$4,7626.25; native lambs,
\$4,5026.50.

NEW YORK, May 18.—BBEVES-Steers, 10@20c. lower; cows steady to shade lower. Steers, \$4.20(5.40) bulls, \$8.10(74.35; cows, 11.50(74.10) bulls, \$8.10(74.35; cows, 11.50(74.10) bulls, \$8.10(74.35; cows, 11.50(74.35; cows, 11.

bales; to Japan, 134115 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, May 18.—COTTON—
The cotton market opened steady at 142
145 points decline, but after a rather excited morning quotations advanced stronsiy until at 12:30 the official values showed
an advance of 54;631 points over Saturday's closing prices. On the receipt of
the first New York quotations the excitement increased and was maintained
during the afternoon, the market colsing
strong and excited, with near months
quoted at 18 points advance and distant
months at 845 points advance.

Cotton futures steady: May, 11.75; June.
12.00 bid; July, 12.15(12.15; August, 11.55)
11.65; September, 9.89(9.90; October, 9.906
9.91; November, 879(8.81; December, 8.790
8.50. EAST LIBERTY, PA., May 18.—CAT-TLE—Steady. Prime, \$505.20; good, \$4.450 4.45. Hogs—Lower. Prime heavy, \$6.50; 6.65; medium, \$0.35; heavy yorkers, \$6.300 6.05; likht yorkers and pigs, \$5.300,6.35; roughs, \$5.500d. Sheep—Prime wethers,

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\$4.60@4.90; culls and common, \$1.50@2.50; venl culves, \$6@6.50 CINCINNATI. O. May 15.—HOGS— Higher at \$4.00204.00. Cattle—Steady at \$2.7564.85. Sheep—Quoted at \$264.75. Lambs—Steady at \$4.2766.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

HIDE AND TAILOW MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 18.—Allen-Miles & Co. Hide and Leather Letter-Packer hides firm for April, also for December or January. Packers claim more inquiry to-day for February and March hides from outside tanners. Twolve hundred late April native steers sold at 11%c; 600 carly April Coloradoes sold at 10%c; 2000 late April and early May Coloradoes sold at 11c; 1,200 April heavy and light native cows sold at 10c. Country market firm. Some demand for buffs and extremes at \$1/0. and 71/cc. buff dealers have few on hand and ask 1/cc. to 1/c. higher. Heavy steers sell freely at 51/c. and bulls at \$1/c. and 71/cc. Calfskins weak, no trading. Tailow market neglected and weak. Rapid decline causes buyers to hold off. City renderers at 5c., best bid; No. 1 country at 51/c. to 51/c. HIDE AND TALLOW MARKET.

PEANUT AND PEA MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., May 18.—The peanut market is quiet to-day. The only change in prices is Spanish nuts, which have cropped in price to ##\$\text{Tk}\$. The only change tropped in price to ##\$\text{Tk}\$. The only change tropped in price to ##\$\text{Tk}\$. The only change tropped in price to ##\$\text{Tk}\$. The prices are as follows:

Fancy, quiet at 3c.; strictly prime, 24c.; prime, 24c.; prime, 24c.; prime, 24c.; prime, 24c.; prime, 25c. market, 25c. ma

DRY GOODS MARKET.

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NEW YORK, May 18.—Dry goods market is somewhat improved, and although buyers are not peculiarly inclined to trade, they are more inclined to make concessions than last week. The curtailment policy will be adopted by a good many mills, although no general agreement is likely to be entered into.

NAVAL STORES. WILMINGTON, N. C., May 18.—SPIR-ITS TURPENTINE—Stendy at 44½c.; re-celpts, 60 casks, Rosin—Nothing doing; recelpts, 162 barrels, Crude Turpentine— Quiet at \$250.25 and 2.75; receipts, 122 bar-rels, Tar—Firm at \$1.65; receipts, 124 bar-rels.

rels.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 18.—TURPEN-TINE—Firm at 47c.; receipts, 422 casks; receipts, 422 casks; sales, 50 casks; exports, 531 casks. Rosin—Firm; receipts, 1,175 barrels; sales, 4,005 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 18.—TUR-PENTINE—Quiet at 45c. Rosin—Steady.

COTTONSEED OIL MARKET. NEW YORK, May 18.—Cottonseed of was quieter and not so steady as at the close of last week. Prime crude, f. o. mills, \$5@35½c.; prim; summer yellow \$7½@35% prime white. \$400.70c.; prime whater yellow \$600.70c.; prime whater yellow \$600.70c.; prime meal, \$77@27.50 nominal.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, MAY 18, 1903.

ARRIVED. Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, so and passengers, Old Domin-

SAILED.

SAILED.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, James River landings and Norfolk, rerchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Co. Steamer Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominmerchandise and passed of the line.
Schooner Ella and Carrie, Larmore, James River, lumber.
Schooner John Kelso, Shores, James River, light.
Schooner Amelia Price, White, James

Schooner Amelia Price, White, James River, light, Schooner U. S. Grant, Tongue, James River, light,

PORT OF WEST POINT, MAY 18, 1903. Danville, Courtney, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

BAILED. Danville, Courtney, Baltimore, passen-gers and general cargo.

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, MAY 18, 1903. ARRIVED.
Schooner George E. Walcott, Provi-

dence.
Barge General Knox, New York.

SAILED. Bar,e William D. Becker, New Bedford,

Gold for Export.

NDW YORK, May 18.—Lazard Frer's have engaged \$1,055,000 in gold for shipment to Europe to-morrow. Goldman, Sachs & Co. have ordered \$760,000 for shipment at the same time. The Merchants Bank of Philadelphia has engaged \$500,000 gold at the sub-Treasury for shipment to Europe. Total engagements for shipment to-morrow, \$2,325,000.

## Fairmount News.

Park Poindexter is quite sick at his

Park Poindoxter is quite sick at his home, at No. 1512 Twenty-fourth Street. Samuel and Eric, little sons of Mr. John P. Leadbetter, No. 1411 North Twenty-ninth Street, are quite Ill.

Mrs. Marable, of Howard's Grove, is suffering with chills and fovers.

Arthur Meddle, of North Carolina, is visiting Edward Oxenham, on Twentleth Street.

Hampton Melton, who has been confined to his home by sickness, is out again.

Rev. J. O. Babcock preached a splen-

Rev. J. O. Babcock preached a splendid sermon Sunday morning on "John Wesley and Methodism," explaining the origin and deetrine of the Methodist faith so explicitly even a child could understand.

Mayor Walker Jeter is suffering with chilis, and is quite indisposed.

Mrs. W. W. Tyler is quite ill at her home, at No. 706 Mosby Street,

Mrs. Bettle Holmes, of Doswell, is expected to visit her sister, Mrs. W. C. Thomas, on the Avenue this week.

Mrs. C. L. Arnold is still very much indisposed.

Miss Sallie Robertson, of James City miss Sallie Robertson, of James City county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Dixson, on Twenty-third Street. Thomas Howe, of the Newbridge neigh-borhood, in the county, is ill with mala-

borhood, in the county, is ill with malarial fever.

Mrs. Lena Keck Brauer, of Howard's Grove, wife of Ezekiel Brauer, who is ill with blood poison, is getting on as well as can be expected, though she is still critically ill.

A very pleasant sociable was given a few nights ago at Miss Ida Haynes', on Twentieth Street. Mr. Allie Huff was present with his graphophone, and added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Mrs. William Oxenham and children will leave to-day for Charlotte, N. C., to visit her brother.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church cleared \$54.50 on the supper recently given at the hall in Howard's Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Samuel Brauer entertained a few of their friends at their home, on Mosby Street, Thursday evening.

home, on Mossy Street, Thursday see

Mr. Bowers in Arlzona.

Miss Iva Schaaf is visiting her aunt,
Mrs. Savage, in Manchester,
Mrs. Savage, in Manchester,
Mrs. Fransy Woodcock has returned to
her home, in New Kent county, after a

Mr. Bowers in Arlzona.

Mr. Carr Bowers, manager of the
New York Laundry Works, of this city,
who left here April 30th for California, is
her home, in New Kent county, after a

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## Chestnut Hill and Highland Park

Master Hugh Goodwin celebrated his Master Hugh Goodwin celebrated his tenth birthday Saturday afternoon at the residence of his mother, Mrs. James Goodwin. About fifty of his little friends assembled and after indulging in games of all kinds they repaired to the diningroom, where a collection of delicacles were served. The decorations were pink and white, Master Goodwin was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

Dr. Bruner, wife and daughters, Misses Helen and Marry, will spend the summer with Mrs. Todd, of Fourth Avenue and Chestnut Street,
Miss Susie McCamb has returned to her home in Louisa country, after a pleasant visit to Miss Nettle Mosby, of Fourth Avenue.

Mr. Edward Garlick, who has been quite sick at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Todd, is improving.
Mr. Bradamham, of King William country, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Machell, of Third Avenue, Highland Park.
Mr. C. C. Chappin and son, of Third

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## Fulton News.

The United States supply ship "Armenia" came up the river Saturday as far as Warwick Park, with supplies for the range lights and lighthouses. For some reason the vessel did not honor the city with her visit this trip. The government now has a dozen range lights on the lower James which are a great help to navigation at night, owing to the shoals and other obstructions in the river, which make navigation dangerous at night. The lights are very powerful and can be seen for two miles. The "Little Sunbeams" of Fulton Baptist Church gave a delightful entertainment last night at the residence of Mr. F. H. Garber. The programme consisted of dialogues, recitations and a Mother Goose party, which were well rendered. The society realized a nice sum, which will be donated to the Missionary Society.

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Mrs. U. W. Rogers is quite sick at her residence, on Nichplson Street.

Past Bachem Ellicott Hill, of Mattaponi, Tribe, and 'Sautre G. A. W. Brittain. chief recorder of Varina Tribe of Red Men, will leave to-day for Fredericksburg to attend the annual session of the order, which convenes in that city to-day.

Miss Rosa Jordan will give a box party to-night at her residence, on Nicholson Street, for a charitable purpose.

The bazar being run by the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Denny Street Methodist Episcopal Church will be continued through the week.

Rov. J. T. Mastin, of the Metfödist Orphanase, occupied the pulpit of Denny Street Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday morning. At night, Rev. A. A. Jones filled his pulpit and delivered a powerful sermon on "John Wesley's Birthday." The church was filled, and Rev. Mr. Jones was highly complimented on his culogy of Wesley.

## UNITED MODERNS

Several Candidates Put Through in Monroe Lodge Last Night.

Monroe Lodge Last Night.

Monroe Lodge, No. 287, United Moderns, held its regular session last night at Monroe Hall, with a good attendance. Several applications for membership were presented and acted upon, and three candidates who were found in waiting were duly and properly "put through the mill."

Seven brothers from other lodges were present and made interesting talks. The next meeting, to be held on June 1st, will be one of more than ordinary interest, as several reports are to be made and plans for furthering the interests and growth of Monroe Lodge.

Mr. Bowers in Arizona.

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employer, Mr. Eugene Shepperson. After spending some time in Arizona, he will go to Aledema, Cal., and thence to Los Angeles and other places. The length of his stay will depend upon the state of his health, which is rapidly improving. His many friends in this city will be glad to learn that his letters to his home people are of the most encouraging nature. are of the most encouraging nature.

Neither Cleveland Nor Bryan.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—Some weeks ago the editor of the
Brooklyn Eagle took it upon himself to
nominate, or advocate the nomination,
of the distinguished ex-President Grover
Cleveland as a leader of the Democratic
forces in the campaign of 1904. Immediately a number of Democratic organs,
including your own valued publication,
concurred in the movement and hays
since been diligent in an effort to keep
Mr. Cleveland before the public. I consider this course extremely unwise in all concurred in the movement and have since been diligent in an effort to keep Mr. Cleveland before the public. I consider this course extremely unwise in all those newspapers which really desire Demorratic success next year. It seems to me that any impartial observer ought to admit that Mr. Cleveland represents go to make up the present Democratic party, and however desirable he may be, he is entirely unavailable at this time. Mr. Cleveland and the Hon. W. J. Bryan represent, respectively, the two extreme wings of the Democratic ranks; they are as wide apart in their views on current political topics as is either from President Roosevelt, consequently, to the mind of your humble correspondent, it is as absurd to talk about nominating Cleveland as it would be to again make Mr. Bryan the standard-bearer, or to try to force the friends of either to support the other.

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The advocacy of a man who cannot possibly be either nominated or elected (in my judgment) can result only in harm to the party. Personally, I think Mr. Cleveland would make a good President, but to all those who supported Mr. Bryan in 1896 and again in 1900 the name of Cleveland is like shaking a red flag in a bull's face.

If you will recall for a moment the number of votes Mr. Bryan controlled, even in his last candidacy, it will, I think, be apparent that the party cannot ignore or offend such a power. The only logical thing to do is to select some neutral man, who may at least hope to reconcile the discordant elements.

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The regular session of Richmond Lodge of Elks Wednesday night promises to be interesting and entertaining. An entire new set of initiation work will be introduced.

All those who are going to the dedication at Bedford City will attend this session. The delegation for Bedford City will immediately on the closing of the lodge go to the train in a body.

The committee have m.de all arrangements for the entire trip; leaving here at 11:30 Wednesday night, breakfast in Lynchburg next morning, spend the day at Bedford and reach home Friday morning

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